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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Good afternoon! As we get closer to the end of the school year, we all recognize that the challenges of virtual, home instruction will become greater. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as you work hard at home to be strong partners with our faculty and staff who continue to do their best to engage and educate our students. If you have any questions or concerns about assignments for your child, the volume of assignments, or any other aspect of your distance learning experience, I encourage you to reach out to our teachers and communicate regularly. Working together, we can make this time meaningful and enjoyable for all of our students.

I have been advised that Governor Murphy will make an announcement this coming week regarding the process for reopening our schools for September. Coupled with the progress that we see around the state as various businesses and institutions open based on the COVID-19 medical data that we have, I can only be optimistic. It still isn't clear if students will return to school physically or if schools will start the new school year virtually, or if we will utilize a hybrid model for instruction. As soon as I have any information about what we can expect, I will let everyone in our school community know what we will do here at SBS.

- Please follow these two links to see my statement from earlier this week [Parent Letter Regarding Systemic Racism](#) and also a collective statement from the [Monmouth County Superintendents' Roundtable Statement Condemning Racism, Bigotry, and Oppression](#)
- Also, Ms. Bremekamp has created a web page with resources for all of our parents and guardians to assist you at home with your discussions about racism and social justice: [Anti-Racism & Social Justice Tools, Resources, and Books](#). We will continue to add resources and compile information here for your convenience
- Please see this message from Mrs. O'Rourke and Ms. Schlosser, the Ivy Yearbook Advisors: "Unfortunately, the yearbooks will not be delivered by the end of this school year. The production plant shut down at the start of the pandemic. Even though production has slowly resumed, the shipment date is still delayed. We have been in contact with the school's yearbook company representative and hopeful for a mid to late summer delivery. We will be able to solidify a plan as we receive more updates from the yearbook company."
- ***WE HAVE RUN OUT OF PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE and PeaceBuilder Pledge VIDEOS!***
Please take a few moments this weekend to record and upload your video for next week! Please

use this link, [Pledge of Allegiance & SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge](#), to sign up and to upload your video. These student videos will be published to Twitter, Facebook, and our new SBS Youtube Channel. I will also send these videos to our teachers to post in their Google Classrooms each day. You can find a copy of the SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge on our website or by following this link: [SBS PeaceBuilder Pledge](#).

- If students have other videos of Shrewsbury, SBS, or anything else that they would like to share, I will be happy to post them to our SBS YouTube channel for the school community as well.
- As always, please visit the [SBS Website](#) for important health information about the COVID-19 pandemic from the CDC, NJDOH, and the Monmouth County Health Commission #1. You can also contact Mrs. Hillen, our School Nurse, who has been seeking out resources for students, parents, and staff. I have also included several important resources that will also be posted on our website.
- If you think that your child may need to speak with a counselor or if you need further resources to help your family through this time, please feel free to contact our professional counseling staff:
 - Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, School Psychologist - 1.732.747.0882, extension # 119 or fitzpatrickk@sbs-nj.org
 - Mrs. Kristina Kiely, School Social Worker - 1.732.747.0882, extension #118 or kielyk@sbs-nj.org
 - Ms. Marisa Shaheen, School Counselor - 1.732.747.0882, extension #309 or shaheenm@sbs-nj.org

Stay healthy and stay well, Tigers! We got this!!

Very sincerely,

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